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TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD.

In conformity to the usual custom, we, the Selectmen, submit our reports and of the Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for your consideration.

As Assessors we would again call your attention to the desirability of each citizen bringing in a list of taxable property, as required by chap. 11 of the Public Statutes. By conforming to the law, a large amount of labor would be saved the Assessors and oft times hard feelings on the part of the tax payer. Errors in assessment which have to be corrected by orders of abatement, would not then be as numerous. As Overseers of the Poor we have renewed our contract with O. H. Doolittle for three years, for the support of such paupers as we may see fit to place there.

We have to report the death of Catharine Hanwell at the Worcester hospital and Fred A. Nye at Northampton. Fred A. Nye has not been any expense to the town, as we have received the cost of his support from C. A. Ware, his guardian. We have also reason to think that the amount expended on account of Mary Pierson will be refunded by her brother.

For a detailed statement of the cost of the Poor for the past year, see Report.

In regard to the financial condition of the town, as near as we can estimate it, the indebtedness of the town is $2688.69.

We would recommend an appropriation on the town note at Greenfield Savings Bank of ($500.00,) five hundred dollars.

In closing we would recommend appropriations for the ensuing year as follows:

For highways, sixteen hundred dollars, ($1600.00,) contingent and support of poor, three thousand dollars, ($3,000.00.)

TOWN WARRANT.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the Treasurer, Selectmen, School Committee, Library Committee and Auditors, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

Art. 5. To vote on the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale or intoxicating liquors in this town?" The vote to be by separate ballot and the ballots to be yes or no.

Art. 6. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to the revision of the jury list, and act thereon.

Art. 7. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid in full on or before Oct. 1st, or act thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate fifty dollars ($50.00) for the observance of Decoration Day.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) to be applied on the town debt, or act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the town will allow the school houses to be used for other than school purposes, or act thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will abolish the office of Road Commissioner.

Art. 13. To see if the town will cause the east line of Main St., between Moody St. and Webster's brook, to be surveyed and suitable bound stones placed at the angles, or act anything thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at its last annual meeting, relative to the purchase of a new hearse.

Art. 15, To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the purchase of a new hearse or for repairs on the old one, or act anything thereon.

JURY LIST FOR 1892.

James T. Cummings,	Charles L. Robbins,
Nelson G. Hilliard,	Pitts W. Preston,
John H. Morgan,	Melvin J. Coller,
Albert R. Lyman,	Samuel C. Holton,
George P. Field,	Walter D. Crane,
George J. Bacon,	Jairus L. Hammond,
Clifford I. Holton,	Eugene A. Foss,
Clarence A. Randall,	Henry C. Holton,
Leonard H. Smith,	James P. Barker,
Cornelius O'Keefe,	George F. Moody,
Daniel O'Keefe,	Freeman A. Hilliard,
Roswell E. Dickinson,	Albert Whitaker,
Frank H. Wright,	J. Wesley Mann.

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 18th, 1892.

GEO. J. BACON,
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,
O. L. LEACH,
} Selectmen of Northfield.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Northfield:—

In accordance with the requirements of the public statutes of the Commonwealth, your School Committee respectfully submit their annual report for the year 1891 and 1892, giving an account of the condition, progress and requirements of our public schools.

It is with pleasure that we can report the school year as being one of more than average success. Your committee have to thank the teachers for their uniformly prompt attention to all suggestions and the ready courtesy with which our plans, in all directions, have been carried out; the scholars for the studious and obedient manner with which (with but few exceptions), they have conducted themselves, and the parents and guardians for the willingness with which they have co-operated with teachers and committee in securing good attendance and that degree of order, without which success in the school-room can never be attained.

As this report is made up before the schools close we are unable to give the average attendance and membership, but can say the attendance during the spring and fall terms was good, but on account, we believe, of the prevailing epidemic, the attendance through the winter term has not been as good.

There have been ten schools in town the past year, and all will have had at the close of the present term thirty-two weeks of school, except the grammar, which will have had twenty-four and the Mountain schools, No. 5, had twenty-eight, and No. 6 twenty-nine.

Slight repairs have been made on all the school buildings. It was found to be necessary to relay the tops of the chimneys in No. 1 and to reset the furnace, which was quite a bill of expense, but it was found that the furnace after being put in order was nearly sufficient to warm the entire building. Your committee, however, placed a wood stove in the upper room for the grammar school, but it has been necessary to use it only a few times. The building now needs a coat of paint.

Henry Mason has had charge of this house through the fall and winter terms of school. The $700 raised last year for the new building, recommended by your committee for No. 6 has been appropriated and this district has now one of the best houses in town, well furnished with good desks of modern pattern. No. 9 has been furnished with new and modern style desks which were much needed and the building is now in good condition; it will not need any extensive repairs for some years.

No. 4 has had a new stove, but this building needs repairs, the walls and ceiling are in a bad condition and should be replaced with new.

We recommend that the town make a small appropriation for repairs on the house in No. 5, new clapboards and paint, with one side shingled and perhaps some slight repairs in the interior would put the building in comfortable condition and be a wise expenditure of money.

The house in No. 2 has been neglected in the way of repairs for need of funds. The building is quite good and it will not take a large sum to put it in neat and comfortable order. We think it can be done without an extra appropriation if your committee have the usual amount for repairs. The committee feel they were quite fortunate in their selection of teachers; all seem to have worked with a spirit of determination, that their efforts should result in inspiring the pupils with enthusiasm for their work and establishing in their characters habits of industry and a fixed purpose in life.

In June last, a teachers' convention, arranged by Messrs. G. T. Fletcher and Henry F. Baily, members of the State Board of

Education, was held at the town hall.

Teachers and committees from the towns of Warwick, Gill and Bernardston, together with all citizens interested were invited; the meeting was made interesting and exceedingly helpful to those directly engaged in education; would the citizens more generally attend these meetings they could not fail to become more interested in the cause of education and realize more fully the work your school board has in charge.

We would recommend the holding of monthly teachers' meetings, that the teachers might come together for a few hours and freely discuss their work; such an exchange of experiences could not fail to be of mutual advantage.

While the same course of study is used by all, as well as text-books, each teacher finds circumstances peculiar to her own school.

Your committee granted Miss Mary Thurston one-half hour a week in each school, to be given to instruction in vocal music.

Miss Thurston is an efficient teacher and in this way our schools have had an opportunity of receiving the advantages of musical training, a branch of study which is given so much attention in many places.

She has received no part of the town's appropriation for her services, but we feel we ought to make favorable mention of her work.

Your committee have made no change in text-books the past year, except in hygiene, having put into the schools one of the Pathfinder series, "Hygiene for Young People," in place of Brand's.

A need, long-felt in our town for a school of higher grade than any we have previously had, to successfully carry on our school system, was met by your appropriation of last year.

The school was established last September in the upper room of the Centre school building. Your committee after carefully considering the applications of many experienced teachers, engaged Miss Mary Pratt, of Bath, Me. She has proved a competent teacher and we feel that we were fortunate in our selection.

The many advantages which were anticipated in the establishing of this school have been fully realized.

The school has had the names of thirty-one scholars enrolled upon its register, with an average membership of twenty-seven; it has had pupils from six of the eight school districts.

Not only have these scholars had the advantage of coming in contact with scholars of their own age and mental strength, but it has left time for teachers in the several districts to spend with the primary classes that has usually been absorbed with these older pupils.

The course of study has been such as was in the judgment of the committee best adapted to the pupils; the study of Latin was left optional; twelve have taken this branch.

The progress has been good in all the branches.

The intense interest shown in this school by all scholars and the manifest appreciation of its advantages by scholars now in attendance, bespeaks for it a prosperous future.

In conclusion we would recommend that there be appropriated the ensuing year: For schools, $2800, the same as last year; repairs, $300; books and supplies, $300; repair fund for No. 5, $150; conveyance of scholars, $100.

L. R. SMITH,
A. A. RICE,
W. J. WRIGHT. } Committee.

FINANCIAL SCHOOL REPORT,

For the year ending Feb. 10, 1892.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	$2300 00	
Repairs,	300 00	
Text books and supplies,	300 00	
Conveyance,	100 00	
Massachusetts school fund,	267 64	
Dog fund,	219 37	
Higher grade school,	500 00	
Building fund,	700 00	
		$4687 01

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Lizzie M. Cousins,	$210 00	
Jennie S. Pierce,	160 00	
Jennie M. Mann,	184 70	
Julia A. Webster,	150 00	
Lizzie A. Kelley,	150 00	
Kate G. Mattoon,	130 00	
Effie L. Bowker,	150 00	
Carrie L. Greenleaf,	150 00	
Lucy V. Alexander,	160 00	
Mary E. Pratt,	144 00	
		$1588 70

TUITION.

Town of Bernardston.

A. A. Rice's children,	$8 00	
		$8 00

EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Jennie Mann, No. 6,	$61 20	
Parsons, Stearns & Co.,	11 29	
Boston School Supply Co.,	6 22	
S. E. Bridgman & Co.,	4 86	
Effie L. Bowker,	90 00	
Annie C. Gallup,	90 00	
Lizzie A. Kelley,	90 00	
Henry W. Russell,	3 60	
Charles F. Field,	3 60	
Lizzie M. Cousins,	120 00	
Alfred Nash,	6 00	
George H. Slate,	18 00	
Jennie S. Pierce,	96 00	
Merrill T. Moore,	4 00	
Lucy V. Alexander,	96 00	
American Ex. Co.,	1 25	
Kate Campbell,	1 75	
L. R. Smith,	4 15	
E. A. Worden,	75	
Lillian M. Thayer,	101 00	
Charles Aldrich,	2 00	
		$811 67

FUEL.

George A. Stearns, wood,	$16 00	
John H. Murphy, labor,	2 00	
Warren Field, wood,	14 00	
" labor,	1 75	
Benj. R. Morrison, labor,	4 50	
C. I. Holton, wood,	14 00	
H. Doolittle, "	22 00	
E. S. Bardwell, coal,	63 70	
Thomas Quinlan, wood,	4 00	
F. W. Piper, "	9 00	
Chas. A. Moulton, "	15 00	
W. W. Merriman, "	4 50	
F. H. Simmonds, "	1 00	
		$171 45

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

John H. Murphy, Nos. 9 and 3,	6 78	
M. T. Moore, No. 1,	12 19	
Francis H. Turner, No. 1,	1 10	
W. A. Choate & Co.,	87 00	
G. H. Alexander, No. 1,	11 67	
Charles Stratton, No. 1,	50	
C. I. Holton, No. 7,	16 61	
M. H. Alkins, No. 1,	38 64	
" " 7,	1 60	
C. H. Stratton, No. 1,	2 00	
M. H. Alkins, No. 4,	15 50	
" " 1,	28 13	
" " 9,	12 75	
H. R. Crowell, No. 2,	98	
J. P. Aldrich, No. 7,	3 25	
	———	$238 70

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

E. L. Hildreth & Co.,	2 75	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	33 60	
Boston School Supply Co.,	38 09	
A. A. Rice,	1 20	
American Book Co.,	15 00	
Parsons, Stearns & Co.,	4 89	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	21 88	
A. S. Barnes & Co.,	16 20	
Boston School Supply Co.,	160 00	
American Book Co.,	1 60	
Parsons, Stearns & Co.,	4 20	
American Express Co.,	8 18	
	———	$307 59

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

John H. Murphy, cleaning No. 3 and No. 9,		$4 50	
M. T. Moore, cleaning No. 2,	$2 00		
" " " 1,	5 00		
" " drawing sand 1,	1 00		
		8 00	
Kate G. Mattoon, care No. 6, two terms,		6 00	
Effie L. Bowker, " 4, "		7 00	
Elizabeth Clark, cleaning No. 4,		5 00	
Henry W. Russell, care No. 9,		3 90	
Carrie L. Greenleaf, " "		2 10	
Chas. Field, " 3,		2 50	
Jennie M. Mann, " 5,		6 00	
Chas. A. Malley, " 1,		11 50	
F. W. Farrington, " 2,		2 50	
Ernest Phillips, " 7,		3 50	
Mrs. James P. Aldrich, cleaning No. 7,		6 00	
Lizzie A. Kelley, care No. 3,		3 00	
Mrs. Frank Harness, cleaning No. 5,		3 00	
H. H. Mason, care No. 1,		17 00	
Geo. J. Strange,		4 00	
M. T. Moore, cleaning No. 3,	$2 50		
" " " 9,	2 50		
" " " 1,	8 00		
" " " 2,	2 00		
		$15 00	
			$110 50

NEW BUILDING.

Geo. E. Collier, contract,	$527 50	
W. W. Wheelock, foundation,	55 50	
Boston School Supply Co., liquid slating,	5 00	
W. A. Choate & Co., furniture,	48 00	
M. T. Moore, drawing furniture,	1 50	
F. W. Piper, painting, etc.,	63 50	
		$701 00

NEW CENTRE SCHOOL.

W. A. Choate & Co., furniture,	$97 00	
W. M. Moore, repairs and alterations,	51 88	
W. F. Sanders, 4 chairs,	6 00	
Thompson, Brown & Co., text books,	38 79	
M. T. Moore, hauling furniture	1 50	
		$195 17

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts,		$4687 01
Old bills paid,	$811 67	
Paid teachers, two terms,	1588 70	
Care buildings,	110 50	
Fuel,	171 45	
Repairs on buildings,	238 70	
Text books and supplies,	307 59	
New building,	701 00	
New centre school,	195 17	
Tuition,	8 00	
Total expenditure,	$4132 78	
Expenses previous year's acc't,	811 67	
" current "	3321 11	
Due " "	920 00	
	$4241 11	

The amount $920.00 given as due to complete the school year is an approximated estimate and it is thought the amount is ample to cover all bills coming due.

Received from sale of text books, $1.53.

Paid town treasurer, $1.53.

L. R. SMITH,
A. A. RICE,
W. J. WRIGHT,
} Committee.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Assessed value of real estate,	$712,082 00	
" " personal estate,	115,769 00	
Total		$827,411 00

No. of acres of land assessed,	18,651½
" dwelling houses,	372
" horses,	450
" cows,	769
" neat cattle,	365
" swine,	247
" sheep,	226

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1891.

Voted for schools,	$2300 00	
" " repairs,	300 00	
" " supplies,	300 00	
" " conveyance,	100 00	
" contingent and poor,	2800 00	
" library,	175 00	
" new school house, No. 6,	700 00	
" Memorial Day,	50 00	
" higher grade school,	500 00	
" Centre cemetery,	100 00	
" highways,	1600 00	
" gravel for highways,	300 00	
		$9225 00
For County tax,	$1294 12	
State tax,	600 00	
		$1894 12
Overlays,		112 09
Total raised by tax,		$11231 21

Raised on polls,	$882 00	
" " personal estate,	1447 63	
" " real estate,	8901 58	
		$11231 21

No. of polls, 441.
Tax on each poll, $2.00.
Rate per cent. on $1000, $12.50.

GEO. J. BACON,
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,
O. L. LEACH,
} Assessors of Northfield.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

OZRO H. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Mrs. Amy Marsh to Jan. 1, 1892,	$117 00
" " Lucretia Sawyer, " "	117 00
" " Jerusha Doolittle, " "	117 00

WORCESTER HOSPITAL.

Board of Mary Pierson to Jan. 1, 1892,	169 46
" Kate Hanwell to April 26, 1891,	58 79
Burial expenses of Kate Hanwell,	13 00

NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Board of Fred Nye to July 2, 1891,	84 97
" Coleman C. Smith to Jan. 1, 1892,	169 46

BRIDGEWATER STATE FARM.

Board of Charles Parker to Jan. 1, 1892,	182 40

FRANK V. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Charles Lord to Dec. 1, 1891,	65 05

CITY OF HOLYOKE.

Aid to Mrs. John Cutting in 1890,	8 00

CITY OF LOWELL.

Board of Fred Whitney and family,	11 00

TOWN OF ERVING.

Board of Abraham Richards and wife in 1890,	54 21
C. W. Lyman, groceries to Abraham Richards and wife in 1890,	35 00
C. W. Lyman, groceries to Abraham Richards and wife in 1891,	36 00
C. L. Robbins, aid to Abraham Richards and wife in 1891,	51 32

AID TO CHANCEY K. KIMPLIN AND WIFE.

Parsons & Stearns, 1890,	35 32
Frank V. Doolittle, house rent to April 1, 1892,	10 00
" " wood,	3 50

AID TO WM. SMITH AND WIFE.

Parsons & Stearns, goods,	4 32
C. A. Ware, goods,	2 00
Thos. Quinlin, wood,	4 00

AID TO MRS. ELECTIA STRATTON.

N. M. Knowlton of Westboro, for board to Jan. 1, '92,	40 00
Aid to Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe, for board to Feb. 1, '92,	66 25
Cash paid M. Dickinson, care of tramps,	16 80
" John D. Cassy, " "	7 44
" R. C. Ward, medical attendance, town poor,	14 55
" N. P. Wood, medical attendance, town poor,	6 25
	$1500 09

Received of C. A. Ware, guardian of		
Fred Nye,	85 00	
" R. K. Caldwell, "		
Mary Pierson,	83 94	
	$168 94	
		$168 94
Cost of town's poor,		$1331 15

GEO. J. BACON, } Overseers
O. L. LEACH, } of Poor.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cash for library,	$105 00
Miss Minnie Alexander, for library books,	7 75
Greenfield Savings Bank, interest,	241 50
Memorial Day,	50 00
C. H. Webster, insurance town clock,	15 00
C. Pomeroy, " school houses,	129 00
County tax for 1891,	1294 12
Town officers as per auditor's report, 1891,	427 05
State aid,	192 00
Thomas Quinlin, new road,	350 00
Cash paid for binding library books,	10 00
	$2821 42

CONTINGENT.

L. T. Webster, Auditor, '89-'90,	$5 00
F. H. Wright, " "	5 00
H. C. Holton, " "	5 00
" mowing cemetery and repairs,	4 50
Fred Parsons, " " "	1 50
B. Morrison, " " "	5 00
H. H. Mason and others, " "	10 60
" " work in Centre cemetery,	$100 00
" care of Town hall and library,	30 00
" " " clock,	15 00
" driving town hearse, '90-'91,	49 50
" return for burial permits,	7 50
" cleaning and repairs on Town hall,	7 30
W. J. Wright, Treasurer and Town Clerk,	$123 50
" return of births,	5 25
" sundry cash items,	17 32
Geo. J. Bacon, " "	21 45
A. R. Lyman, services as Registrar,	10 00
F. J. Stockbridge, " "	11 25
T. J. Field, " " '89-'90,	27 50
H. E. Wells, " Constable, '90,	4 40
R. K. Caldwell, " Collector and Constable,	84 80
" discount on taxes, '91,	327 28
" abatement of poor taxes, '90,	61 58
James P. Barker, teller at Nov. election,	2 50
Wm. W. Merriam, "	2 50
Geo. F. Alexander, "	2 50
Chas. Pomeroy, "	2 50
L. T. & C. H. Webster, goods for town,	27 42
Parsons & Stearns,	9 40
H. W. Webster, water rent,	5 00
G. H. Hilliard, " "	5 00
H. B. Parker, " "	3 00
C. T. Greenleaf, " " '90-91,	6 00
S. Field estate, " "	5 00

P. B. Murphy, list books,	2 15
E. A. Hall & Co., printing,	13 00
C. T. Bagnall, printing reports and letter heads,	31 30
F. V. Doolittle, wood for hall and library,	8 00
Ambert G. Moody, error in assessment of taxes,	16 88
D. L. Moody, " " "	6 25
Lyman D. Smith, " " "	6 25
Chas. and Jane Gilbert, " " "	4 50
A. D. Turner's heirs, " " "	5 81
Mrs. Susan Marsh, " " "	1 25
Mrs. Cornelia Walker, " " "	1 25
Mrs. Carrie Holton, " " "	6 25
Edwin Pratt, " " "	1 87
Dudley Johnson, abatement tax (Perry),	3 95
F. A. Webster, boxing ballot box,	1 25
F. A. Webster, surveyor stakes,	1 00
W. T. Butler, repairs ballot box,	25
M. H. Alkins, goods for town,	3 70
Mass. State Treasurer, weights and measures,	2 00
H. H. Mason, cleaning and repairs, weights and measures,	3 25
Chas. E. Pierce, dog license book,	2 37
Edward Wilbur, bound stones,	1 00
N. P. Wood, services for Board of Health,	2 00
H. M. Stacey, repairs on hearse,	8 25
L. G. Barton, as surveyor,	15 50
Chas. Pomeroy, services as Justice of Peace,	11 00
C. A. Ware, services as teller at town meeting,	2 50
M. J. Coller, mowing cemetery,	1 50
A. D. Stearns, fixing saws, etc.,	50
O. L. Leach, stove for hall at Farms,	11 80
Ct.Vt. R. R. Co.,toll,	2 54
	$1192 67

OUTSTANDING BILLS OF 1890 FOR HIGHWAYS.

T. J. Field, '88, breaking roads,	2 70	
Albert Stearns, '90, highway,	1 40	
S. L. Gates, " "	10 90	
Q. H. Ewers, " "	4 67	
H. C. Holton, " "	1 00	
A. Dickinson, estate, '89, plank,	17 42	
S. S. Fisher, '90, breaking roads,	2 55	
Gardner Coller, " labor,	7 80	
Cassius Baldwin, "	75	
John Callaghan, "	3 00	
H. James Wall, "	10 00	
Jas. Campbell,	1 42	
Northfield Seminary,	100 00	
		$163 61

HIGHWAY BILLS FOR 1891.

LABOR AND MATERIAL.

H. W. Montague,	$68 31
F. Whithead,	18 45
S. G. Titus,	2 25
Chas. Tatro,	37
H. T. Field,	14 00
Fred Ruggles,	1 35
B. F. Streeter,	3 60
G. B. Kenny,	9 00
J. L. Hammond,	50
L. C. Miller,	7 50
A. Whitaker,	9 45
N. G. Hilliard,	25
S. S. Fisher,	13 20
Ralph Simonds,	3 22
E. C. Nash,	3 15
Fred Hilliard,	1 50
E. O. Miller,	75
David Clowes,	3 75
O. Darling,	1 65
S. Stickney,	4 20
C. A. Moulton,	1 36
S. Weatherhead,	15

M. D. Stratton, plank,	20 55
P. H. Brian,	1 20
I. H. Ewers,	3 00
L. Fisher,	67
Geo. F. Alexander,	50
Fred Simonds,	1 00
H. Montague, expenses on Munn's ferry,	11 13
" " Morgan ferry,	5 55
Geo. Tyler & Co., repairs for road scraper,	10 60
A. D. Stearns, repairs on ferry boat, Munn's ferry,	21 38
Geo. A. Stearns,	78 42
T. B. Holton,	12 29
Alex. Holton,	14 79
O. C. Holton,	5 62
A. Kineston,	90
W. D. Y. Field,	39 60
Wm. Pratt,	1 80
J. Clark,	1 20
R. Stratton,	45
C. Jones,	60
John Robbins,	9 65
Henry Ward,	1 50
A. Baldwin,	75
C. O. Keett,	60
E. Gillitt,	60
Wm. Stratton, Plank,	11 20
M. C. Miller,	4 50
Wm. Bain,	94 43
Wm. Burrows,	20 00
B. Morrisson,	2 00
C. I. Holton,	24 65
Jerry Twine,	4 75
P. W. Preston,	2 00
Clinton Whittaker,	82
R. K. Caldwell,	5 35
R. Phillips,	24 60
D. D. Streeter,	18 00
Ed Smith,	17 75
F. W. Piper,	31 31
Wm. Piper,	29 35
J. Vorce,	33
A. Collier,	29 81

Geo. Piper,	60
Wm. Wheelock,	90
F. Harness,	3 07
G. Murdock,	79
Martin Vorce,	4 35
F. V. Doolittle, for plank,	32 00
C. H. Green, "	17 63
John Crelan,	40 00
Thos Quinlan,	99 25
Isaac Murdock,	6 85
Wm. M. Reed,	3 00
C. A. Ware,	14 00
J. Bump,	5 25
A. J. Arlin,	16 00
J. Dale,	3 16
Chas. P. Britton,	279 90
" " cash items,	3 20
" " drawing gravel,	78 80
" " new road,	26 10
Fred Britton, drawing gravel,	10 00
C. P. Britton, work on Aldrich street,	25 00
Edwin Rugg,	54 40
Lewis Davis,	10 75
A. Long,	5 50
A. Stratton, cutting tree,	3 00
A. Carpenter,	7 50
P. C. Johnson, repairs on Scraper,	1 15
Amos. Bigelow,	6 75
Fred Lewis,	3 00
James Campbell,	2 25
	1677 47

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

To Orders on Town Treasurer since Feb. 5th, '91, $11,324 68

Paid for Highways,	1677 47	
" Contingent,	1192 67	
" Poor,	1500 09	
" Schools,	4133 03	
" Miscellaneous,	2821 42	
		$11324 68

GEO. J. BACON,
C. L. ROBBINS,
O. L. LEACH,
} Selectmen of Northfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH W. J. WRIGHT, TREAS.

	By balance from previous year's account,		$1662 96
	To paid Selectman's orders, (outstanding),	$413 89	
Feb. 14.	By auctioneer's license (R. K. Caldwell's)		2 00
Mar. 20.	By corporation tax,		23 76
" "	" cash from City of Holyoke,		21 28
June 8.	" " dog fund from County Treasurer, C. M. Moody,		81 60
July 30.	" " from R. K. Caldwell, account Mary Pierson,		43 94
Aug. 29.	" " from C. A. Ware, account Fred A. Nye,		85 00
	" " State of Mass.,		36 41
Oct 26.	" " Auctioneer's license, R. K. Caldwell,		2 00
Sept. 12.	" " from A. L. Leach, rent of hall at Farms,		2 00
Dec. 8.	" " corporation tax, National bank tax, State and military aid,		1264 34
Dec. 21.	" Mrs. Henry Wright, rent of town hall,		29 00
1892.			
Jan. 6.	" from School Committee, sale of old school desks,		2 00

12.	"	" E.A. Newcomb, County Treasurer, dog fund,			137 77
13.	"	" R. K. Caldwell, account Mary Pierson,			40 00
27.	"	" State Treasurer, income Mass. school fund,			267 64
		To paid Selectmen's orders,	11265 95		
Feb. 8.		By cash from H. H. Mason, rent of town hall,			35 00
1891.					
Dec. 8.		To paid State tax,	600 00		
		By cash, temporary loans from Franklin County National bank notes,			5918 72
		By cash temporary loan from O. L. Leach's note,			987 08
		By cash 1890, tax from R. K. Caldwell, collector,			2054 14
		By cash 1891, tax from R. K. Caldwell, collector,			9750 00
		To paid Franklin County National Bank notes,	7000 00		
		O. L. Leach's note,	1000 00		
		Balance,	2166 80		
			$22446 64		$22446 64

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 10, 1892.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEB. 10, 1892.

LIABILITIES,

Greenfield Savings Bank,	$4600	00
Geo. J. Bacon, Selectman,	135	50
C. L. Robbins, "	83	74
O. L. Leach, "	56	25
W. J. Wright, School Committee,	70	00
L. R. Smith, " "	51	73
A. A. Rice, " "	55	75
Outstanding orders,	58	73
For Schools,	920	00
For Highways, (including new road,) Estimate,	125	00
For poor, "	150	00
Town of Gill,	37	75
To balance due Library Committee,	52	25
		$6396 70

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	$2166	80
Due from Collector of Taxes, 1891,	1481	21
Interest on Surplus Revenue,	60	00
Balance against town Feb. 10,	2688	69
		$6396 70

GEO. J. BACON,
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} Selectmen of Northfield.

ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank Jan. 1st, 1891,		$1065 41
Drawn from bank and paid as follows:		
Widow Wm. Stevens,	$10 00	
" Chas. Morgan,	5 00	
Miss Emma Hilliard,	5 00	
" Fanny Field,	5 00	
" May Field,	5 00	
	$30 00	
Cash in Overseer of Poor's hands,	10 00	
Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1892,		$1045 90

GEO. J. BACON,
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O. L. LEACH,
} Overseers of Poor.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

February 18, 1892.

Number of volumes in library per last report,		3366
" " purchased past year,		88
" " presented "		27
Total,		3481
Number of families, patrons of library,		172
" visitors " "		18
" volumes taken by visitors,		64
" " " " families,		4094
Total amount of fines collected,	$11 92	
" " " fees from visitors,	3 20	
		$15 12
Amount paid by Librarian for incidentals,		4 37
Balance,		$10 75
Uncollected fines,		80

Your committee would call the attention of the town to the fact that in two years more the present library room will be inadequate to hold the books then on hand. We think the town ought to make immediate provision for better and ampler accommodations for our yearly increasing and really fine public library.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

	DR.
To cash on hand per last report,	$55 98
" appropriation for new books,	100 00
" " " Librarian and incidentals,	75 00
" cash received from fines,	10 75
	$241 73

1891.		CR.
April.	By Salary as Librarian to Helen Bagnall,	$60 00
" 30,	Minnie E. Alexander, for books,	7 75
May 25,	L. W. Rice, for rebinding books,	10 00
June 20,	express on books,	1 00
" 22,	" " "	90
July 4,	" " "	30
" 9,	" " "	30
" 9,	postage on books and letters,	25
" 14,	express on supplemental catalogues,	15
" 15,	DeWolf, Fiske & Co., for new books,	87 95
" 21,	printing supplemental catalogues,	3 60
" 21,	postage,	04
Aug. 13,	express on books,	25
Sept. 29,	covering paper and labels,	1 20
Nov. 14,	express on books	60
1892.		
Feb. 18,	Salary as Librarian, Mrs. H. E. Wells,	60 00
" "	Balance in hands of committee,	7 44
		$241 73

N. P. WOOD,
C. C. DUNCAN,
R. C. WARD,
} Library Committee.